



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of
The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc.

) No. D 2003 - 42
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ORDER RESCINDING
ORDER TO CEASE & DESIST

To: Ruth E. Shields, CFO
Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc.
11435 Cronhill Drive
Owings Mills, MD 21117-2220

IT IS ORDERED and you are hereby notified that the Order to Cease & Desist previously entered in this matter on March 26, 2003 is hereby rescinded. This Order is effective August 29, 2003.

THIS ORDER IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

On March 26, 2003 an Order to Cease & Desist was issued to THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS, INC. in cause number D 2003-42. The Cease & Desist Order was based on the fact that THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS, INC. had solicited insurance business, including but not limited to the soliciting and issuing of charitable gift annuities, in this state without being licensed to do so.

Subsequently, on August 29, 2003, THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS, INC. was granted a Certificate of Exemption by the Commissioner to issue charitable gift annuities. Therefore, the basis for the Cease & Desist Order previously issued in this matter no longer exists.

Chapters 48.04 and 34.05 RCW provide THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS, INC. the right to demand a hearing on this order.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 29th day of August, 2003

Mike Kreidler
Insurance Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Watson", written over the printed name.

Michael G. Watson
Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner